

# Grand Tour of China

Explore China's fascinating history, culture and beauty on one tour

Terracotta Warriors, Xian

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*I have recently returned from the 'Grand Tour of China', fulfilling a lifelong dream. I shall never forget climbing the Great Wall, seeing the Terracotta Warriors, relaxing on the Yangtze and Li Rivers. Guilin and Dali were a delight, as was everything else.*

Ms Doyle, April 2011

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## Departure Dates & Prices

2012 Departures		Price
07 Mar - 02 Apr		\$4,990
14 Mar - 09 Apr		\$5,290
21 Mar - 16 Apr		\$5,490
4 Apr - 30 Apr	11 Apr - 07 May	\$5,790
18 Apr - 14 May	25 Apr - 21 May	
02 May - 28 May	09 May - 04 Jun	
16 May - 11 Jun	23 May - 18 Jun	
30 May - 25 Jun		
13 Jun - 09 Jul	11 Jul - 06 Aug	\$6,290
08 Aug - 03 Sep		
22 Aug - 17 Sep	29 Aug - 24 Sep	\$5,990
05 Sep - 01 Oct	08 Sep - 04 Oct*	
12 Sep - 08 Oct	15 Sep - 11 Oct*	
19 Sep - 15 Oct	22 Sep - 18 Oct*	
26 Sep - 22 Oct		
03 Oct - 29 Oct	10 Oct - 05 Nov	\$5,790
17 Oct - 12 Nov		
31 Oct - 26 Nov		\$5,490
07 Nov - 03 Dec		\$5,290
14 Nov - 10 Dec		

Tour departs Wednesday and returns Monday

\*Tour departs Saturday and returns Thursday

Prices are fully inclusive from the US (see page 14)  
Based on Los Angeles departures

Many other US departure points available

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from \$3,890 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room supplement from \$1,290 (see page 10)
- Tipping payable locally US\$95 (see page 10)
- Medium Paced Tour

## Fully Inclusive price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodations
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for US residents

## Hong Kong Extension (see page 63)

**Day 27: Shanghai - Hong Kong**  
Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 28: Hong Kong**  
Enjoy a half day island tour visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Day 29: Hong Kong**  
Enjoy the day at leisure to further explore Hong Kong. (B)

**Day 30: Hong Kong - US**  
Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning. (B)

## From \$390pp

Land only. The flight from China to Hong Kong may be included in the cost of the international ticket depending on airline.

27 days from \$4,990pp  
Fully Inclusive from the US

To get the most from your visit to China, look no further than the Grand Tour. This comprehensive itinerary includes all the main sights as well as allowing some time for relaxation. After visiting the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors, enjoy a four night cruise on the Yangtze River and relax in delightful Dali.



### Days 1-2: US - Beijing

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's capital city. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

### Days 3-4: Beijing

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through Tiananmen Square, past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the treasure-filled Forbidden City. The next day, walk on the Great Wall and visit the unique Temple of Heaven.

### Days 5-6: Beijing - Xian

Indulge in some shopping at the bustling markets, tour the exquisite Summer Palace and enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show in the evening. The next day, walk along Liulichang's ancient shop fronts before boarding the overnight train to Xian, the former ancient capital.

### Days 7-8: Xian

Arrive in Xian in the morning. Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and the renowned Shaanxi Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. We also stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter to explore the Islamic food markets. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, visit one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century - the Terracotta Warriors and walk along the Ancient City Wall.

### Day 9: Xian - Yangtze River Cruise

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board the Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

### Days 10-12: Yangtze River Cruise

Tour the Three Gorges Dam before cruising upstream through some of the most dramatic scenery in the world. Over the next three days, take a side-trip to the striking Shennong Stream in a pea-pod boat or visit the Lesser Three Gorges and enjoy various shore excursions along the way.

### Days 13-14: Chongqing - Kunming

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House at Chongqing Zoo. Fly to Kunming, also known as the 'City of Eternal Spring' and sample the famous Across the Bridge Noodles. The next day, explore the picturesque Stone Forest.

### Days 15-16: Kunming - Dali

Travel to the enchanting town of Dali. The next day, enjoy a cruise on Erhai Lake, participate in a traditional tea tasting, visit the Three Pagodas and explore Dali's Ancient Quarter.

### Day 17: Dali - Kunming

Visit Xizhou Village to explore the bustling local market and the Yen Family House, an ancient courtyard home, before returning to Kunming.

### Day 18: Kunming - Guilin

Visit the flower market before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

### Days 19-20: Guilin - Yangshuo - Guilin

Cruise the stunning Li River to Yangshuo and enjoy the breathtaking landscape of beautiful limestone hills, tranquil fishing scenes and picturesque villages. The next day, return to Guilin and visit Mt Diecai. We also see an evening display of traditional cormorant fishing.

### Day 21: Guilin - Shanghai

Visit the colorful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Caves. Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

### Day 22: Shanghai

Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the beautiful Yu Gardens and the Old Town as well as a visit to the Shanghai Museum. We also walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture and in the evening enjoy traditional Shanghai cuisine.

### Day 23: Shanghai - Suzhou

Travel to the charming city of Suzhou, also known as the 'Venice of the East'. Visit two of the finest oriental gardens: the Humble Administrator's Garden and the Master of the Nets Garden, a local silk mill still in operation today and enjoy a cruise on the ancient Grand Canal.

### Days 24-25: Suzhou - Hangzhou

Travel to beautiful Hangzhou, one of China's former imperial capitals. Explore the local markets and experience an oriental tea-tasting. The next day, visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, Six Harmonies Pagoda and enjoy a relaxing cruise on West Lake.

### Day 26: Hangzhou - Shanghai

Return to Shanghai. Explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.

### Day 27: Shanghai - US

Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning depending on flight schedules.

## National Escort Lisa Wang's tour highlights



"I love watching the locals practising tai-chi, playing cards or instruments, singing or dancing while at the Temple of Heaven."